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I Made My Choice

HE SEEMS TO BE SINGING TO YOU, SALLY! WHICH OF US SHALL IT BE?

I STILL LOVE YOU---

CAN A GIRL FORGET HER FIRST LOVE? I WAS ENGAGED TO JIM CRAIG YET BARRY BARONE'S VERY PRESENCE AROUSED IN ME ALL THE HAPPY MEMORIES OF OUR ROMANCE IN THE PAST!

HOW CAN I CHOOSE BETWEEN THEM?

THAT QUESTION KEPT HAUNTING ME NIGHT AND DAY! I WAS TORN WITH INDECISION AND MY LIFE WAS FILLED WITH TEARS AND SORROW!

BARRY AND I HAD BEEN SWEETHEARTS SINCE WE WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL! WHEN HE LEFT CLARKSVILLE, IT SEEMED LIKE THE END OF THE WORLD!

BARRY, THIS IS OUR LAST DATE! I CAN'T BEAR TO THINK OF IT!

THEN DON'T, BABY! JUST TRY TO THINK WHAT A BREAK THIS IS FOR ME!

I KNOW, DARLING! YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE WITH A BIG-TIME BAND!

AND DEAN KING'S IS ONE OF THE BEST! IT'LL RATE TOPS IN NO TIME AT ALL! AND I'M TO BE THE FEATURED SINGER!

IT'S S-SWELL FOR YOU! ONLY...

DON'T CRY! WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER SOON AND I'LL WRITE OFTEN!

CHIN UP! I'VE GOT TO GO NOW! MY TRAIN LEAVES AT FOUR IN THE MORNING! AND DON'T BE SILLY ENOUGH TO COME TO THE STATION!

I W-WON'T!

GOOD-BYE, HONEY!

YES! GOOD L-LUCK!

I DIDN'T SLEEP THAT NIGHT! I TRIED TO CONVINCE MYSELF THAT IT WASN'T THE END BETWEEN BARRY AND ME! YET MY INSTINCT INSISTED IT WAS! AT FOUR THAT MORNING...

I HEAR THE TRAIN! IT'S TAKING HIM AWAY! WHAT WILL I DO HERE WITHOUT HIM?

I SHOULDN'T FEEL LONESOME SO SOON! BUT I DO! I WISH HE'D NEVER HEARD OF DEAN KING'S BAND!

THERE'S NOBODY ELSE IN THIS TOWN I'D GIVE TWO 'CENTS TO GO WITH! I'LL PROBABLY DIE HERE AN OLD-MAID SCHOOL TEACHER!

So I PICTURED BARRY'S BREAK WITH THE BAND AS MY HEART-BREAK! I DRAMATIZED MY SAD PLIGHT IN BEING LEFT BEHIND IN CLARKSVILLE! YET MY STUDENTS ABSORBED MOST OF MY TIME!

ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR! ONE, TWO, THREE...

OOPS! MADE A MISTAKE!

MISS LOGAN, WHY DO I HAVE TO WORK ON SCALES?

THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE BEGINNING! BUT I'LL GIVE YOU A LITTLE MELODY FOR YOUR NEXT LESSON!

PRACTISE HARD AND MAYBE SOMEDAY YOU'LL BE A BIG ENTERTAINER!

GEE! MAYBE I CAN EVEN GO WITH A BAND LIKE BARRY BARONE!

A FEW LETTERS CAME FROM BARRY AT FIRST! THEN NONE! AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS, IT DIDN'T MATTER MUCH! IT'S SURPRISING HOW YOU CAN ACCEPT THE INEVITABLE! THEN ONE DAY...

HELLO, SALLY! GLAD TO SEE YOU! COME AND MEET MY NEPHEW!

YOUR NEPHEW? HERE FOR A VISIT?

NO, HE JUST GRADUATED FROM HARVARD AND IS GOING TO WORK HERE! HIS NAME IS JIM CRAIG! YOU'LL LIKE HIM!

I'M SURE I WILL!

JIM, THIS IS SALLY LOGAN! GUESS YOU'RE SMART ENOUGH TO TAKE OVER FROM THIS POINT!

I SURE AM! SALLY HOW ABOUT A DATE WITH A STRANGER?

I'LL BE GLAD TO! BUT YOU WON'T BE A STRANGER LONG IN OUR TOWN! EVERY-BODY'S FRIENDLY!

I SEE THAT! I'M BEGINNING TO LIKE IT HERE ALREADY!

That NIGHT, WE WENT TO A DRIVE-IN MOVIE!

I GO FOR DRIVE-INS! YOU CAN CHONK POPCORN AS LOUD AS YOU PLEASE!

YES, AND I DON'T HAVE TO TAKE OFF MY HAT!

POP CORN

THE NEXT NIGHT WAS DINNER AND A SWIM-MING PARTY!

YOU'RE A GOOD SWIMMER!

I SHOULD BE! I GREW UP IN THIS POOL!

WE WERE TOGETHER ALMOST EVERY NIGHT AFTER THAT! AND ALWAYS ON SATUR-DAYS WE HAD A DATE FOR DANCE-LAND, THE BALLROOM WHERE THEY BOOKED NAME BANDS!

IT'S RATHER UNUSUAL FOR A SMALL TOWN TO HAVE A SPOT LIKE THIS!

YES, BUT IT BRINGS LOTS OF BUSINESS! IT EVEN BROUGHT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF FAME TO ONE OF OUR LOCAL BOYS!

BARRY BARONE! DEAN KING'S BAND CAME THROUGH AND PICKED HIM UP AS A FEATURED VOCALIST!

I'VE HEARD HIM! AND SEEN HIM ON TELEVISION!

WHAT SAY WE LEAVE NOW? THE DANCE IS ABOUT OVER!

GOOD IDEA! WE'LL AVOID THE RUSH!

BESIDES, I WANT TO BE ALONE WITH YOU! I WANT TO KISS YOU BUT IT WOULDN'T LOOK RIGHT ON THE DANCE FLOOR!

DEFINITELY NOT! WHY DON'T WE GO TO MY HOUSE AND I'LL FIX A SNACK IN THE KITCHEN!

HUNGRY?

SALLY, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SAY THIS UNDER BRIGHT LIGHTS AND OVER A GAS RANGE! BUT I GUESS THERE'S NO MORE APPROPRIATE PLACE!

WILL YOU MARRY ME? SWEETHEART, I WANT YOU MORE THAN ANY-THING IN THE WORLD!

JIM! OF ALL THE UNROMANTIC PLACES TO ASK A GIRL!

BUT I WILL!

I PROMISED TO BE JIM'S WIFE IN ALL GOOD FAITH! HE WAS THE MOST WONDER-FUL MAN I EVER MET! HIS FUTURE IN THE BANK WAS ASSURED AND I ADORED HIM AND WOULD NEVER HAVE DREAMED THAT ANY-THING COULD COME BETWEEN US!

SET THE DATE FOR THE WEDDING, DARLING! MAKE IT SOON!

I WILL! ONLY MOM WILL INSIST ON A FEW WEEKS FOR ARRANGEMENTS! SHE'LL WANT A BIG SPLASH AND PARTIES!

SPEAKING OF THE BIG SPLASH! I UNDERSTAND THE WHOLE TOWN IS TURNING OUT FOR A BIG CELEBRATION ON THE RETURN OF ITS NATIVE SON, BARRY BARONE! DID YOU SEE THE WRITE-UP?

NO! WHAT ABOUT IT?

DANCELAND'S BOOKING DEAN KING'S BAND AND BARRY'S IN FOR A HOME-TOWN WELCOME!

GEE, THAT'S WONDERFUL! IT'LL BE GOOD TO SEE HIM AGAIN!

JIM, I'D BETTER TELL YOU BECAUSE YOU'D FIND OUT SOONER OR LATER ANYWAY! BARRY WAS MY BOY FRIEND FOR YEARS! BUT HE DOESN'T MEAN A THING TO ME NOW!

I'D HEARD THAT! THANKS FOR RE-ASSURING ME, HONEY!

The TOWN BAND WAS OUT TO MEET BARRY! IT WAS LIKE A HERO'S RETURN! I PUSHED THROUGH THE CROWD TO SEE WHAT WAS HAPPENING!













THE CAR MOVED ON AND SUDDENLY IN THE CROWD I SAW JIM! HE STOOD THERE, SMILING STRANGELY! THE WAVE OF HIS HAND WAS MORE LIKE A BLESSING!



COME ON, SWEETIE! WE'LL HAVE A LITTLE TIME ALONE BEFORE REHEARSAL!

NO, BARRY! I REALLY MUSTN'T!

DANCELAND

WHY NOT? WEREN'T YOU ALWAYS MY GIRL?

I WAS! BUT---

SALLY! DON'T BE STAND-OFFISH!

That KISS WAS A REMINDER OF THE DAYS WHEN WE WERE KIDS AND I FELT THE RETURN OF THE RAPTURE OF OUR FIRST ROMANCE! I REMEMBERED HOW I HAD PLANNED ALWAYS TO BELONG TO BARRY! AND I RELIVED THE PANG OF OUR PARTING!

DARLING! WHY DIDN'T YOU EVER WRITE?

NO TIME, SUGAR! TRAVELLING WITH A BAND IS TOUGH BUSINESS! I HAD ALMOST FORGOTTEN YOU WERE SUCH A DESIRABLE GAL!

COME AND MEET THE GANG! I WANT THEM TO MEET MY SWEET-HEART!

HIS SWEETHEART! I'D LIKE TO BE THAT! ONLY HOW WOULD I EXPLAIN TO JIM?

I HAD A DATE TO GO TO THE DANCE THAT NIGHT WITH JIM! I HAD TO GO THROUGH WITH IT!

YOU ARE THE ONE I WILL ALWAYS ♪ LOVE! ♫

SALLY! I'VE SEEN A LOT TODAY! I'M NOT BLIND! LET'S GO OUTSIDE WHERE I CAN TALK TO YOU ALONE!

I'M RELEASING YOU FROM EVERYTHING! I WON'T BLAME YOU IF YOU'RE STILL IN LOVE WITH BARRY! BUT I DON'T WANT YOU IF YOU ARE!

OH, JIM! I...I DON'T KNOW MYSELF!

I'M GOING TO LEAVE YOU HERE, HONEY! YOU DECIDE!

JIM, YOU'RE A GRAND GUY! AND I'M SO AWFUL!

YOU'RE NOT AWFUL! THE GIRL I LOVE COULD NEVER BE AWFUL! SHE'S JUST MIXED-UP! AND NONE OF US CAN HELP WHAT'S IN OUR HEARTS!

THANKS FOR SAYING THAT! I-I'M SORRY!

I MET BARRY AFTER THE DANCE! I WAS FACING MY GREAT DECISION! BUT BARRY WAS SWEET AND I SOFTENED WITH MEMORIES!

HONEY, KNOW WHAT I WANT TO DO? SIT ON YOUR FRONT PORCH! IT'D BE LIKE OLD TIMES!

YOU DO, DARLING? THAT'S WHERE WE'VE SPENT LOTS OF HOURS!

GOSH, I REMEMBER ALL THIS! BUT I WOULDN'T TRADE IT FOR WHAT I HAVE NOW!

YOU WOULDN'T?

NAW! BEING IN THE BIG TIME IS TERRIFIC! YOU SHOULD KNOW HOW IT FEELS!

MAYBE I CAN! MAYBE I CAN GO WITH YOU, IF YOU WANT ME!

I HAD, SAID IT! WITHOUT KNOWING, I HAD MADE MY DECISION! I HAD PLACED MY FUTURE IN BARRY'S LAP BUT I WAS IN FOR A HUMILIATING LET-DOWN!

SALLY, YOU'RE A SWEET KID BUT NOT FOR THIS STUFF! YOU KNOW I'VE ALWAYS BEEN CRAZY ABOUT YOU BUT---

THEN IF YOU LOVE ME, WE CAN GET MARRIED! ON THE ROAD I WOULDN'T BE ANY TROUBLE!

MARRIED? ARE YOU KIDDING? LOOK, KID, JUST BECAUSE I LIKE YOU---

SO THAT'S IT! I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED, BARRY, THAT YOU CAME HERE TO BE A BIG SHOT! WELL, GO ON BEING ONE! I'M THROUGH!

AW, NOW, BABY...

DON'T BABY ME! I SEE NOW HOW MUCH YOU'VE CHANGED? I'M GLAD I FOUND OUT!

I NEVER QUITE GOT OVER YOU TILL NOW! TO THINK THAT I NEARLY GAVE UP JIM!

JIM? GEE, HAVE I BEEN TREADING ON SOME GUY'S TERRITORY?

YES, YOU HAVE! AND I'M GOING TO CALL HIM RIGHT NOW!

SUIT YOURSELF! JUST THOUGHT I'D GIVE THE HOME TOWN GAL A THRILL! BUT THERE ARE PLENTY MORE BABES WHO GO FOR ME!

I'VE BEEN A FOOL! HOW COULD I EVER HAVE CONSIDERED GIVING UP JIM FOR BARRY?

JIM! I'VE MADE UP MY MIND! I WANT YOU!

THAT'S THE BEST NEWS I EVER HEARD, SWEETHEART! I'LL BE RIGHT OVER!

DARLING, CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?

FOR WHAT? WE ALL HAVE DECISIONS TO MAKE IN LIFE! I'M JUST LUCKY THAT YOU MADE IT IN MY FAVOR!

Dear Reader:
I'm glad all this happened. Barry is out of my mind. When I compare his conceit to Jim's consideration and kindness, I wonder how I could have been in such a quandry. I've put all memories aside. From now on I'll think only of the future—— with Jim!!!

Out OF MY PAST CAME THE MEMORY OF A ROMANCE TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE! I HAD WALKED ON CLOUDS, LIVING IN ETHEREAL BLISS! AND I COULDN'T COME DOWN TO EARTH AFTER THAT AND FIND REAL HAPPINESS! BECAUSE I COULDN'T FORGET MY...

First Love

EVERYBODY ALWAYS SAID THAT I, CLAUDIA GRANT, HAD MORE DATES IN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE THAN ANYBODY! BUT I HAD NEVER BEEN IN LOVE UNTIL MY SENIOR YEAR WHEN I STARTED DATING JACK NORTON!

CLAUDIA, DARLING, YOU'RE SO WONDERFUL! SO EXTRA SPECIAL!

I'M NOT REALLY, JACK!

YOU ARE TO ME! I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU!

AND I LOVE YOU, TOO! MORE THAN I CAN EVER SAY!

YOUR EYES ARE SO BIG AND BLUE! AND YOUR MOUTH HAS SUCH A PRETTY LITTLE PUCKER!

AND YOU'RE SO TALL AND WONDER-FUL, JACK! AND I'M SO HAPPY IN YOUR ARMS!

NIGHTS LIKE THIS WERE MADE FOR US!

AND THERE'LL BE LOTS MORE! WON'T THERE?

HE DIDN'T ANSWER! MAYBE HE KNEW THEN THAT OUR PATHS WOULD SOON PART! OR MAYBE HE DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO TIE HIMSELF TO ANY ONE GIRL! I NEVER KNEW THE ANSWER! I ONLY KNOW THAT I NEVER WAS SO HAPPY IN MY LIFE! WHEN WE DANCED TOGETHER...

I'M THE LUCKIEST FELLOW HERE, BEING WITH YOU!

I WOULDN'T EVEN LOOK AT ANYONE ELSE!

OR WHEN WE WENT RIDING...

YOU LOOK CUTE, WITH YOUR HAIR BLOWING LIKE THAT!

I COULDN'T! BET I'M A MESS!

YOU'D NEVER BE A MESS TO ME! YOU'LL ALWAYS BE BEAUTIFUL!

YOU MUST BE LOOKING THROUGH ROSE COLORED GLASSES! BUT I LOVE IT!

YES, I LOVED HIS FLATTERY! AND I LOVED JACK! A PAGE IN MY DIARY TELLS IT IN WORDS THAT I COULD NEVER SAY NOW!

INK

Dear Diary—
I'm living in a magic world. Only sometimes it seems that I am floating high in the sky, completely apart from anything that's real—

I COULD NEVER EXPECT ANYTHING TO BE MORE PERFECT! AND I KNOW IT NEVER CAN BE! BECAUSE NO ONE COULD EVER BE AS PERFECT AS JACK!

THEN CAME GRADUATION! I HAD DREADED IT BECAUSE WE LIVED AT OPPOSITE ENDS OF THE COUNTRY! IT MEANT THAT WE WOULD BE ALMOST THREE THOUSAND MILES APART! BUT HE ALWAYS MADE THINGS SOUND ALL RIGHT!

WE WON'T FORGET, WILL WE? WE COULDN'T, CLAUDIA!

NO, JACK! THERE'LL NEVER BE ANYONE BUT YOU?

WITH YOUR LOOKS? BABY, I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

IT'S T-TRUE!

HE WENT EAST AND I WENT WEST! I USED TO SIT ON THE BEACH AND WONDER ABOUT HIM!

HE'S WRITTEN THAT HE'S DOING WELL IN BUSINESS! BUT HE NEVER MENTIONS OUR GETTING TOGETHER! I WONDER WHY!

WE MEANT SO MUCH TO EACH OTHER!

HELLO! I'M ERIC CURTIS! I LIVE IN THE THIRD COTTAGE DOWN THE BEACH!

AND YOU'RE CLAUDIA GRANT! I INQUIRED! MIND IF I JOIN YOU?

OF COURSE NOT!

YOU SEE, I'M CURIOUS! I WONDER WHY A BEAUTIFUL GIRL LIKE YOU SPENDS HER TIME OUT HERE ALONE!

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I LIKE TO LOOK AT THE OCEAN!

BUT YOU MUST GET A BIT BORED, LOOKING AT THE SAME SCENE ALL THE TIME!

YES, FRANKLY, I DO!

THEN WHY NOT COME OUT WITH ME TONIGHT? WE'LL HAVE DINNER AND GO DANCING?

IT SOUNDS GOOD! I'LL TAKE YOU UP ON THAT!

I WENT WITH ERIC AFTER THAT... AND WITH OTHERS, TOO! BUT IT WAS NEVER THE SAME AS WHEN I HAD BEEN WITH JACK! WHEN I DANCED WITH ERIC...

JACK WAS MORE ROMANTIC! WE WERE ALWAYS SO HAPPY TOGETHER!

OR WHEN WE WENT RIDING...

ERIC HASN'T MENTIONED HOW PRETTY I LOOK WHEN MY HAIR BLOWS IN THE WIND!

HONEY, THAT WIND REALLY MUSSED YOU UP! HERE'S A COMB!

JACK NEVER TALKED LIKE THAT!

BUT I LIKE YOU A LOT ANYWAY!

I WONDER!

YOU KNOW I DO! CLAUDIA, I'M CRAZY ABOUT YOU!

CAN'T YOU SAY IT IN MORE ROMANTIC LANGUAGE THAN THAT?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

HOME! I'M TIRED, ERIC! I'M ANXIOUS TO GET TO BED!

THAT WASN'T THE TRUTH BECAUSE I DIDN'T SLEEP A WINK THAT NIGHT! MY MIND WAS ON JACK NORTON! TRY AS I MIGHT, I COULDN'T HELP THINKING ABOUT HIM!

JACK'S KISSES WERE DIFFERENT! BEING WITH HIM ALWAYS GAVE ME A THRILL!

NO ONE ELSE HAS BEEN LIKE HIM!

I ACCEPTED ERIC'S INVITATIONS AFTER THAT, BECAUSE I HAD TO BE WITH SOMEONE! BUT FINALLY ONE NIGHT, HE PROPOSED! THAT WAS DIFFERENT!

I LOVE YOU, CLAUDIA! I WANT YOU TO MARRY ME!

NO! I CAN'T!

BUT WHY, DARLING? I LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THE WORLD! I---

DON'T SAY ANY MORE! IT JUST CAN'T BE!

I CAN'T EXPLAIN! PLEASE DON'T ASK ME TO!

I WON'T! IF YOU EVER CHANGE YOUR MIND, LET ME KNOW! I'LL BE WAITING!

HOW CAN I TELL HIM ABOUT JACK? HOW CAN I EXPLAIN THAT I CAN'T FORGET MY FIRST LOVE? IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!

BUT NOT LONG AFTER THAT...

JACK? OH, DARLING, I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT! OF COURSE I'LL SEE YOU TONIGHT!

JACK! HE'S THE ONE I'VE WAITED FOR!

JACK HAD COME TO OUR PART OF THE COUNTRY ON BUSINESS! BUT THAT WAS UNIMPORTANT! MY HEART SOARED INTO A KIND OF SEVENTH HEAVEN! WE'D BE TOGETHER AGAIN! AND LOVE AGAIN! WHEN I HEARD MY MOTHER CALL...

CLAUDIA! JACK NORTON IS HERE!

YES, MOTHER! I'LL BE RIGHT DOWN!

JACK, DARLING!

HI, CHICK! GEE, YOU LOOK GREAT!

HOW'S ABOUT A KISS FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE?

BUT...

JACK HAD CHANGED! HIS KISS HAD NO MEANING! HE WAS CRASS AND CONCEITED! I BEGAN TO WONDER WHY I HAD LOVED HIM ALL THIS TIME! THE NEXT DAY...

I'VE BEEN WRONG ABOUT HIM! I DIDN'T WANT TO BE! IT WAS MY FIRST LOVE AND IT MEANT SO MUCH TO ME! I...

CLAUDIA! WAIT FOR ME, DARLING!

I'VE TRIED TO PUT YOU OUT OF MY MIND BUT I CAN'T! I LOVE YOU! I'VE NEVER LOVED ANYONE ELSE AND...

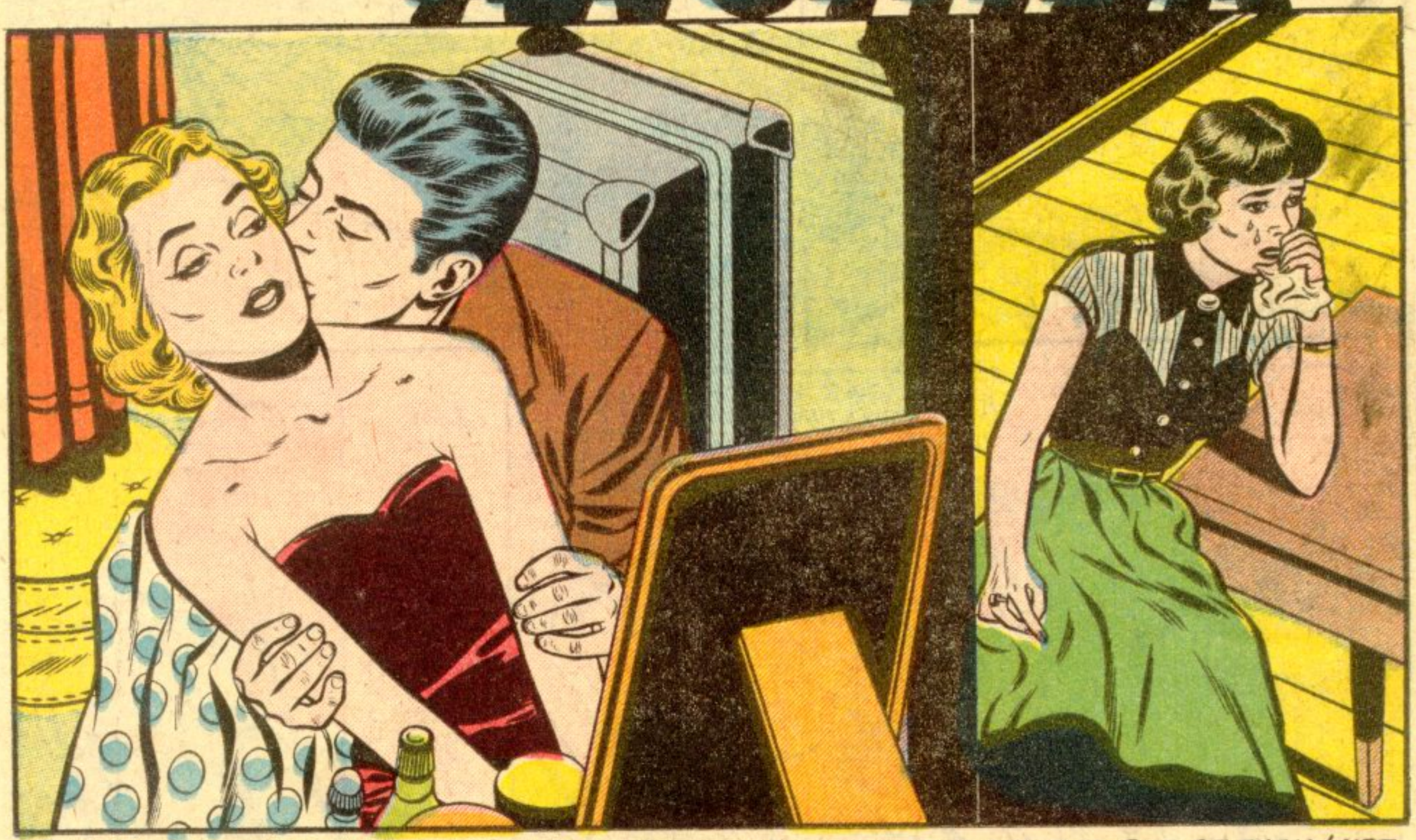
I GUESS I HAVEN'T EITHER, ERIC! I THOUGHT SO! BUT NOW I KNOW THAT I WAS IN LOVE WITH LOVE! NOW I LOVE YOU!

AND ONCE THE MEMORY OF JACK WAS ERASED FROM MY MIND, I WAS HAPPY! I'M SURE THAT THIS ENTRY IN MY DIARY WILL PROVE IT TO YOU!

I am lucky to have found a husband like Eric. It is much better to be really happy and down to earth than to be walking around in a dream world. Jack's memory will never haunt me again! And I am through with living in the past. My dreams now are of the future!

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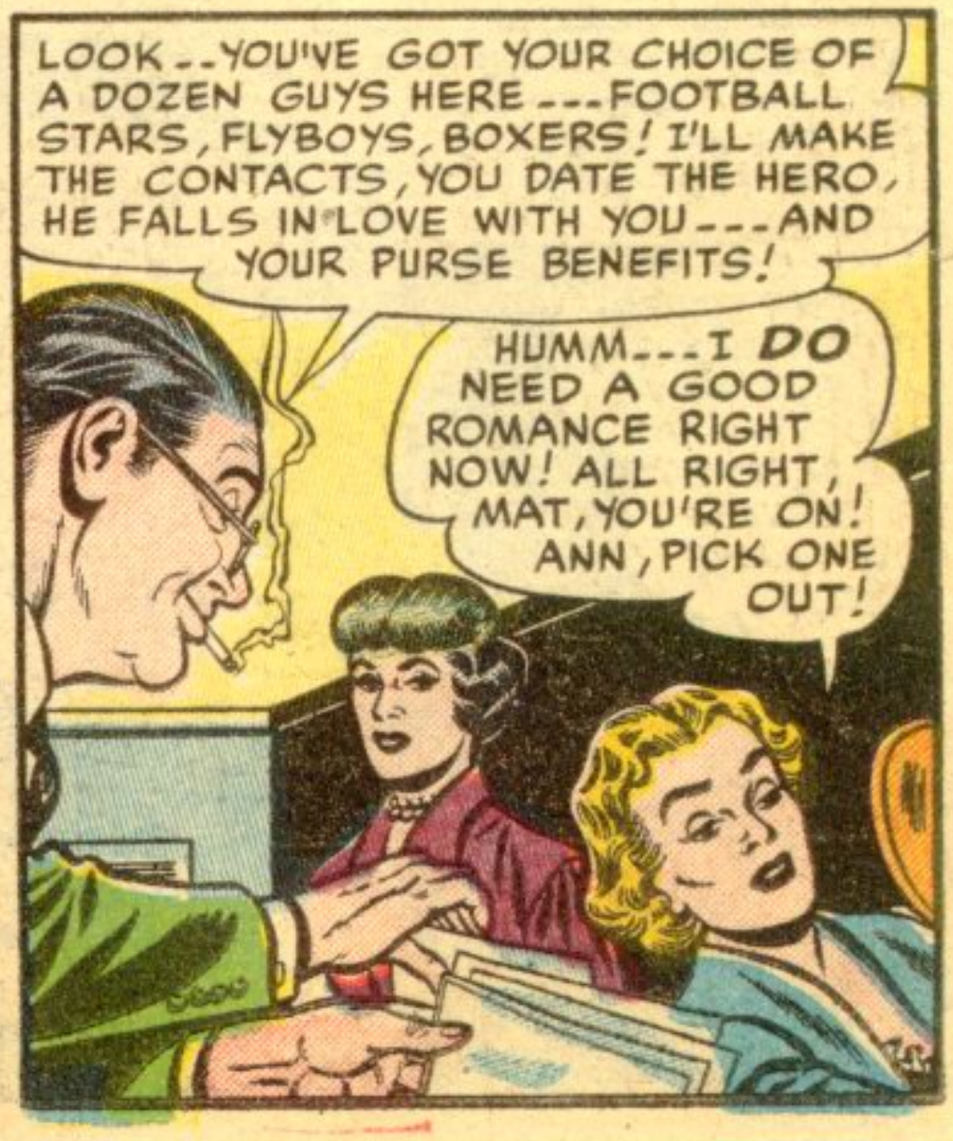
My Man Loved ANOTHER



There ARE SOME THINGS IN LIFE A GIRL HOLDS DEAR! TRUE LOVE IS ONE OF THEM! YET WHEN THAT LOVE CAME TO ME, I, ANN SCOTT, HID IT DEEP WITHIN MY HEART FOR THE MAN I ADORED LOVED ANOTHER---ONE WHOSE FALSE DEVOTION BLINDED HIM TO MY EXISTENCE---A WOMAN WHOSE SELFISH LUST FOR FAME THREATENED TO RUIN FOREVER MY ONE CHANCE TO HAPPINESS!

I REMEMBER HOW IT ALL BEGAN, THAT DAY IN JULIA BISHOP'S DRESSING ROOM! JULIA WAS THE GLAMOROUS SINGING SENSATION, AND I WAS HER SECRETARY! MAT HANSON, HER PRESS AGENT, WAS UP TO HIS USUAL TRICKS---





HOW CAN THEY BE SO CALLOUSED? SURELY THEY'RE JOKING!

WHY THIS BOY LOOKS VERY NICE!

STEVE ADAMS... TWENTY-SIX, SINGLE, HEALTHY, A BOXER! HE'S WON ALL HIS FIGHTS... VERY POPULAR, BUT STRICTLY A SMALL TOWN CHARACTER! OKAY, FROM NOW ON, STEVIE-BOY IS MY TARGET!

And JULIA BISHOP WAS NOT JOKING! FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS SHE GAVE IT EVERYTHING SHE HAD! STEVE ADAMS ADORED HER, AND THEY BECAME ENGAGED JUST LIKE THAT! WITH MAT'S HELP, PUBLICITY ABOUT THEM CAUGHT ON! THEN, THINGS BEGAN TO GO WRONG...

I CAN'T STAND THAT YOKEL ANYMORE, MAT! I'M GOING CRAZY!

PATIENCE, BABY, PATIENCE! ANNIE, GET HER A DRINK!

STEVIE IS SO SWEET, HE'S KILLING ME! ALWAYS THE PERFECT GENTLEMAN! WHAT A DOPE! OHHHH! ...I'M BORED STIFF!

HOW SELFISH CAN SHE BE? WHY DO I STAY WITH HER AT ALL?

I KNEW THAT ANSWER EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T WANT TO ADMIT IT! I HAD FOUND OUT LONG AGO THAT JULIA WAS PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO ENDURE AS A PERSON! BUT I STAYED BECAUSE I WAS FASCINATED BY HER LIKE A BIRD IS FASCINATED BY A SNAKE ... A GORGEOUS, BEAUTIFUL SNAKE!

HE'S FIGHTING TONIGHT! LET'S WATCH HIM!

DO WHAT YOU LIKE!

WHAT A FIGHT, LADIES AN' GENTLEMEN! STEVE ADAMS IS DOWN! HE'S LOST THE FIRST FIGHT IN HIS SENSATIONAL CAREER!

PLEASE, STEVE, GET UP! GET UP!

HA! HA! DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD, ANNIE! THIS WILL MEAN MORE PUBLICITY FOR JULIA!

OH, GREAT! I CAN JUST SEE MYSELF... SHACKLED TO A HAS-BEEN... INSPIRING HIM TO GREATER HEIGHTS! PAH!

I'LL QUIT BEFORE I'LL DESPISE THEM ANY MORE!

BUT I DID NOT QUIT, OF COURSE! THAT NEXT NIGHT STEVE ADAMS CAME TO JULIA'S APARTMENT TO TAKE HER TO DINNER AND WHILE HE WAITED FOR HER TO DRESS, I MET HIM FOR THE FIRST TIME!

I'M ANN SCOTT, JULIA'S SECRETARY! S-SHE'S TOLD ME SO MUCH ABOUT YOU!

SHE'S A GREAT GIRL! I DON'T DESERVE HER, BUT SHE'S STANDING BY!

I PHONED HER LAST NIGHT THAT SHE COULD BE FREE, BUT JULIA WOULDN'T HEAR OF IT! SHE INSISTED THAT WE STAY ENGAGED! I'VE GOT TO GET ANOTHER FIGHT, AND WIN IT THIS TIME! I COULDN'T ASK HER TO MARRY A HAS-BEEN!

YOU AREN'T A HAS-BEEN!

YOU'LL MAKE GOOD! I KNOW YOU WILL! IT WAS JUST BAD LUCK--- THAT'S ALL! EVERYONE HAS THAT AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER!

THANKS, ANN! AND THANKS FOR MAKING ME BELIEVE IT CAN JUST BE BAD LUCK!

WELL, WELL---I HOPE YOU HAVE NOT BEEN WAITING TOO LONG FOR ME, STEVE DARLING! I HAD SO MANY THINGS TO DO, YOU KNOW!

I DIDN'T MIND, REALLY! ANN---THAT IS, MISS SCOTT MADE ME FEEL RIGHT AT HOME!

SHE DID? SHE'S SUCH A DEAR--- ALWAYS TRYING TO HELP ME, EVEN IF HER DUTIES COME FIRST---DON'T THEY, ANN?

Y-YES, JULIA! IT WAS NICE MEETING YOU, MR. ADAMS! I MUST GET BACK TO ANSWERING THIS MAIL! UH--- HAVE A NICE TIME!

OH THE SCHEMING VIXEN! IF STEVE ONLY KNEW!

ALL THAT WEEK, STEVE AND JULIA WERE SEEN EVERYWHERE, PHOTOGRAPHED AND INTERVIEWED! JULIA WAS PLAYING HERSELF UP AS THE NOBLE, FAITHFUL FIANCEE! AT PARTIES, FOR INSTANCE---

I JUST KNOW THAT STEVE WILL GET ANOTHER FIGHT! I LOVE HIM--- THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS!

HOW TOUCHING--- HOW VERY TOUCHING!

CAN I PRINT THAT, MISS BISHOP? IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'LL MARRY MR. ADAMS IN A FEW MONTHS?

I'LL STAND BY HIM NO MATTER WHAT! I KNOW STEVE FEELS THE SAME WAY!

But WHEN JULIA WAS ALONE WITH ME---

ANN, I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THIS MESS, BUT HOW? THIS CRAZY ROMANCE IS BACK-FIRING!

COULDN'T YOU JUST TELL STEVE? IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HIM THAT WAY THAN TO FIND OUT LATER!

DON'T BE A FOOL! I'M NEGLECTING MY CAREER BEING THE FIGHTER'S NOBLE LITTLE SWEETHEART! BUT I DON'T DARE LET HIM DOWN BECAUSE OF WHAT PEOPLE WOULD SAY!

I HOPE FOR HIS SAKE AS WELL AS FOR YOURS, JULIA, THAT SOMETHING HAPPENS SOON!

And SOMETHING DID HAPPEN! ONE MORNING, STEVE RUSHED IN, A SMILE ON HIS RUGGED, HANDSOME FACE---

JULIA---I'VE BEEN SIGNED TO ANOTHER MATCH---THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE IN MONTHS! NOW I'LL PROVE MYSELF TO YOU---TO EVERY-ONE!

YES, DARLING! I'M SURE YOU WILL!

AND AFTER STEVE HAD LEFT, JULIA BECAME HER USUAL REPULSIVE SELF---

WHAT A BREAK! I DON'T KNOW HOW THE FIGHT WILL TURN OUT, BUT AT LEAST I WON'T HAVE TO SEE HIM AT ALL WHEN HE'S IN TRAINING!

THAT WOULDN'T BE WISE, JULIA! STEVE NEEDS YOU---I MEAN, HE NEEDS SOMEONE TO DEPEND UPON NOW MORE THAN EVER!

MY WORDS WERE TO PROVE PROPHETIC FOR THAT NEXT MORNING!

STEVE'S MANAGER CALLED ME UP! STEVE IS WORRYING ABOUT LOSING ME, SO I'VE TOLD HIM THAT YOU'LL GO OVER AND GIVE A PLAY-BY-PLAY REPORT OF WHAT I'M DOING ONCE IN A WHILE!

I REFUSED AT FIRST, BUT THE THOUGHT OF HAVING TO HURT STEVE BY NOT GOING WAS EVEN MORE APPALLING! I DIDN'T KNOW IT THEN BUT I HAD FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HIM! THAT EVENING---

I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND MEETING ME AT THIS RESTAURANT! IT'S NEAR MY TRAINING CAMP AND I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO BE AWAY FROM IT TOO LONG!

OF COURSE NOT!

MAYBE IT SOUNDS CRAZY, MY NEEDING TO TALK ABOUT JULIA SO SHE'LL SEEM NEARER, BUT THAT'S HOW LOVE IS, I GUESS! I..I TRIED TO SEE HER, BUT SHE MUST BE BUSY!

YES.. SHE IS..TERRIBLY! OTHERWISE, I..I'M SURE SHE'D BE WITH YOU!

IT'S FUNNY WHAT DESTINY DOES TO YOU SOMETIMES! I DIDN'T REALLY INTEND TO GO OUT FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP---ONLY WANTED TO SETTLE DOWN IN MY HOME TOWN AND START A SMALL BUSINESS! THEN I MET JULIA---NOW I WANT HER TO BE PROUD OF ME!

STEVE, OH, STEVE!

THE TERRIBLE NEED TO BE A SUCCESS FOR JULIA WAS IN STEVE'S EYES AS WELL AS IN HIS WORDS! SUDDENLY, I FOUND MYSELF LYING---TELLING HIM HOW MUCH SHE LOVED HIM... AND LATER, WHEN I TRIED TO EXPLAIN THIS TO JULIA---

PLEASE ANN! I'M IN NO MOOD FOR PROBLEMS! WHATEVER YOU TOLD HIM CERTAINLY WORKED! HIS MANAGER PHONED! STEVE HAS GONE STRAIGHT TO BED AND IS SLEEPING LIKE A LOG---HE HASN'T DONE THAT FOR SOME TIME! SEE HIM AGAIN--- KEEP IT UP!

I MET STEVE A FEW NIGHTS LATER! IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL AUTUMN NIGHT, SO WE TOOK A STROLL THROUGH THE PARK---

HOW IS JULIA? IS SHE WORKING VERY HARD? TELL HER TO TAKE CARE OF HERSELF!

SHE MISSES YOU! IF IT WEREN'T FOR HER WORK I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE'D DO---

MAY HEAVEN FORGIVE ME!

I'M SURE OF JULIA AT LAST! BUT TELL ME ABOUT YOUR OWN SWEETHEART, ANN! A GIRL LIKE YOU IS SURE TO HAVE ONE!

S-SWEETHEART? WHY-- THERE'S NO ONE---NO ONE AT ALL!

But COLOR FLARED UP IN MY CHEEKS, AND THE HEARTBREAK DEEP WITHIN ME SHOWED THROUGH THE HEAVEN IN MY EYES BECAUSE I WAS WITH STEVE---

THAT GIVES YOU AWAY, ANN! THERE IS SOMEONE---AND WHOEVER HE IS, HE'S A MIGHTY LUCKY GUY!

LATER, IN MY OWN SMALL ROOM A FEW BLOCKS AWAY FROM JULIA'S LAVISH APARTMENT, I CRIED MY EYES OU, --

I WON'T SEE STEVE AGAIN! IT--IT'S NOT FAIR! WHY DID I HAVE TO FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM--- WHY?

BUT STEVE MISSED JULIA MORE THAN EVER, AND ONCE AGAIN I HAD TO PLAY THE LITTLE DECEIVER! IT GOT TO BE A REGULAR ROUTINE! FINALLY, ONE DAY, JULIA HERSELF ACCOMPANIED ME TO SEE STEVE! I FOUND OUT WHY!

DARLING, I'D LOVE TO TALK TO YOU SOME MORE--- BUT HERE COME THE REPORTERS! I SENT FOR THEM!

UH---THAT'S ALL RIGHT, JULIA--- GO AHEAD!

I OWE YOU A GREAT DEAL, ANN! YOU'VE KEPT ME ON AN EVEN KEEL! SOMEDAY MAYBE JULIA AND I CAN MAKE IT UP TO YOU!

FORGET IT, STEVE! I DON'T MIND PLAYING CUPID!

DEAREST-- I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!

THE EVENING BEFORE THE FIGHT---I MET STEVE ONCE MORE, IN THE PARK! HE SEEMED TENSE AND NERVOUS---

THIS TIME I HAVE TO WIN, ANN! I HAVE TO!

YOU WILL! REMEMBER THAT, STEVE!

IT CERTAINLY WASN'T ADORATION THAT MADE STEVE KISS ME THEN, BUT I COULDN'T HELP HOW I RETURNED IT! I HAD LOVED HIM TOO MUCH FOR TOO LONG! THE THRILL OF HIS LIPS ON MINE MADE IT A MIXTURE OF MISERY AND JOY!

DARLING! DARLING!

ANN---I-- I DIDN'T KNOW!

PLEASE FORGET THAT, STEVE! IT WAS A SILLY MISTAKE! I ONLY MEANT TO LET YOU KNOW I WANTED YOU TO WIN---THAT I THOUGHT YOU WOULD!

OH, ANN-- I'M SORRY!

STEVE, PLEASE TAKE ME TO JULIA'S APARTMENT! I STILL HAVE STACKS OF MAIL TO ANSWER FOR HER! SHE'S AT THE NIGHT CLUB---

STEVE INSISTED ON SEEING ME TO THE DOOR! HIS KINDNESS WAS THE VARIETY YOU LAVISHED ON SOMEONE YOU HAD ACCIDENTALLY HURT---AND IT WAS WORSE THAN NONE AT ALL!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, ANN?

YES, I---

LISTEN TO ME, MAT---

IT HAD HAPPENED--- WHAT I FEARED WOULD HAPPEN ALL ALONG! SOMETHING MUST HAVE GONE WRONG WITH JULIA'S SCHEDULE--, BECAUSE SHE WAS STILL IN THE APARTMENT, APPARENTLY TALKING TO MAT ON THE PHONE!

--WHETHER HE WINS OR NOT, I WON'T MARRY HIM! NO DULL LITTLE HOUSEWIFE ROUTINE FOR ME! THAT DOESN'T RATE AN INCH OF COPY A MONTH!

MY DEAREST--- I---I COULDN'T TELL YOU!

STEVE! YOU--YOU HEARD ME! WAIT-- I CAN EXPLAIN!

THERE'S NOTHING TO EXPLAIN, JULIA! GOOD BYE!

He TURNED AND WALKED AWAY NOT LOOKING BACK! JULIA WAS FURIOUS!

WHY DID YOU BRING HIM UP HERE, YOU LITTLE FOOL? NOW YOU'VE RUINED EVERYTHING!

B-BUT I DIDN'T BRING HIM UP HERE! HE INSISTED---

DON'T LIE TO ME, YOU UNGRATEFUL SNIP! I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON BEHIND MY BACK! YOU'RE MAKING A PLAY FOR HIM YOURSELF! HE'LL HAVE MONEY AFTER THIS FIGHT! WELL---YOU'RE FIRED! GET OUT!

YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT TRUE ABOUT ME! BUT I AM GLAD YOU SAID THAT! NOW I SEE YOU FOR THE SELFISH CREATURE YOU REALLY ARE! DON'T WORRY! I'LL GET OUT--- I COULDN'T TAKE THIS MUCH LONGER!

That LONG, MISERABLE NIGHT, AND THE FOLLOWING DAY I BUSIED MYSELF WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR LEAVING TOWN! I KNOW JULIA WAS PROBABLY TRYING TO MAKE UP WITH STEVE, AND I TRIED TO FORGET HIM--- BUT LATER THAT EVENING, I JUST HAD TO LISTEN TO THE RADIO---

STEVE ADAMS HAS NEVER FOUGHT LIKE THIS BEFORE--- WE HAVE A NEW CHAMPION---A FIGHTING CHAMPION!

DARLING-- I'M SO HAPPY FOR YOU---

I FINISHED PACKING AND CALLED FOR A CAB! I WOULD HAVE TO START A NEW LIFE SOMEWHERE-- A LIFE THAT WOULD PERMIT ME PEACE OF SOUL! SUDDENLY, THE DOORBELL RANG, AND---

I WON! I WON! DEAREST.---I HOPE I WASN'T DREAMING LAST NIGHT THAT YOU DO CARE FOR ME! FORGIVE ME FOR NOT KNOWING THIS SOONER, BUT I LOVE YOU--- ONLY YOU!

B-BUT---HOW COULD YOU--- AFTER WHAT HAPPENED? JULIA MUST HAVE TOLD YOU SO MANY LIES---

SHE DID, BUT I LEARNED MY LESSON, HONEY! I'D LONG SENSED THAT SHE DIDN'T LOVE ME! LAST NIGHT I KNEW I DIDN'T LOVE HER! THAT'S WHY I WON TONIGHT! PLEASE MARRY ME, ANN! I NEED YOU!

BUT WHAT WILL JULIA AND---AND MAT TELL EVERYONE?

THAT'S THEIR PROBLEM! WE'LL GO BACK TO MY HOME TOWN, IF THAT SUITS YOU, AND I'LL DEDICATE MY LIFE TO MAKING LOVE TO MY WIFE!

I FLUNG MYSELF INTO HIS ARMS AT LAST--- THRILLING TO THE RAPTURE OF HIS KISS! I KNEW THEN THAT THIS WAS JUST A SAMPLE OF THE HAPPINESS TO COME ---FOR MY DREAMS HAD COME TRUE--- AFTER ALL!

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Gloria and I had been chums since childhood, so it wasn't surprising when we got out of our respective schools and decided on careers in New York, that we should get an apartment together. It worked out beautifully for me because Gloria had such a sweet disposition and besides, she was the same size I was so I felt I had free access to her wardrobe. "Why not try out a few of my clothes, gal?" I offered more than once. But she always replied, "Thanks anyway, Audrey, but your things are a bit too sophisticated for me. I just can't get away with that wonderful glamorous look that you have." I always laughed when she said that, but quite honestly, it pleased me.

It was true that when we were out in a group, I always got the most attention and I usually had the most dates. That is, until Gloria met Jim Eggers. Jim was a foreign correspondent for a large metropolitan newspaper and in addition to his dashing good looks, he had a wonderfully exciting personality. I could never understand what he saw in Gloria and one night at a party I said as much to him. "Audrey dear," he laughed, "I find Gloria a thoroughly engaging young woman, excellent company." I walked away from him quite satisfied that he was not in love with my friend, in spite of whatever feelings she might have for him.

Then one evening when Gloria was working late, Jim called. I was surprised to hear his voice because he had been away and wasn't expected back for a couple of days. "I had a chance to get back early," he explained. "Is Gloria in?" I hesitated and as I did, the plan popped into my head. "She's in the shower, Jim," I lied easily. "But why don't you pop over, she'll be dressed in no time." He agreed and I hung up, mighty pleased with myself. I scurried into Gloria's room and got out her latest gown. It was a lovely blue shade and I knew Jim liked the color. Her heirloom earrings crowned the outfit handsomely and by the time the doorbell rang, I was looking my very best.

"Well . . ." said Jim, as I threw open the door, "you make a devastating picture, Audrey." I smiled and curtsied, but Jim was now looking beyond me. "Where's Gloria?" I could feel the blood rushing to my face but I forged ahead boldly. "Oh, she got a call from her boss and had to run back to the office with a paper she had here. She'll be back before long, Jim." He seemed to accept that explanation and settled down on the couch next to me.

I feared that my actions might be somewhat obvious, but since Jim was the man I wanted, I didn't see why I shouldn't try to make him see me as an attractive girl. "Gloria's such a conscientious girl," I began. "Not much glamour, but most efficient in her job. . . ." I didn't get a step further. Jim stood up and looked at me furiously. "Now let's cut this foolishness, Audrey," he snapped. "I've known what you've been up to ever since I first dated Gloria. You're just a silly girl interested in a mild flirtation with your best friend's guy." I gasped, at a loss for words. "You borrow her clothes," he gestured at Gloria's dress. "Her earrings . . . and now you think you can borrow me! Well, forget it. I don't think my future wife would go for it at all." "F-future wife?" I cried. The door opened and Gloria walked in, radiant and smiling. "Oh, Jim, why did you tell her so soon," she said happily. "I wanted to surprise her myself . . . and ask her to be my maid of honor at the same time." Jim swept her into his arms and I left the room quietly.

It was a bitter pill at the time. But now Jim and Gloria are happily wed and my friendship with Gloria never went on the rocks as it well might have. I am dating a perfectly charming young man myself and before too long, I'll be joining the married ranks . . . with my own man.

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HEAVEN IS RIGHT HERE!

I can't believe that John and I have been married six months... for we're more in love than ever!

LOOK AT THIS MAGAZINE, DARLING! THIS IS THE KIND OF HOUSE I WANT! JOHN? JOHN! ARE YOU WATCHING WRESTLING **AGAIN?**

NOW, SWEETHEART!

WHY ARE YOU SO SNOBBISH ABOUT WRESTLING? IT'S A GREAT SPORT! AND AFTER ALL, THE MAN YOU'RE MARRIED TO **WAS** STATE COLLEGE WRESTLING CHAMP ONE YEAR!

I DON'T CARE! I THINK IT'S A PERFECTLY DREADFUL SPORT!

BESIDES, I WANT TO TALK ABOUT OUR HOUSE! ISN'T THIS ONE SWEET? IT'S VERY FASHIONABLE THESE DAYS!

BY THE TIME WE CAN AFFORD A HOUSE LIKE THAT, IT WILL BE OUT OF STYLE!

WELL, WE CAN'T STAY IN A ONE-ROOM APARTMENT FOREVER! WHEN...

HONEY, I KNOW YOU WANT A LITTLE HOUSE IN THE COUNTRY...AND A NEW CAR, BUT I JUST DON'T MAKE ENOUGH MONEY NOW! A NEW LAW PRACTICE NEEDS TIME...

YOU COULD BUY THEM IF YOU REALLY WANTED TO! IT ISN'T SO TERRIBLY EXPENSIVE!

THAT'S ALL YOU KNOW ABOUT IT! YOU CAN'T EVEN BALANCE YOUR GROCERY BUDGET ...SO DON'T TELL ME WHAT'S EXPENSIVE!

DON'T SHOUT AT ME! IT'S JUST THAT I... I WANT US TO BE COMPLETELY HAPPY, JOHN! AND A ONE-ROOM FLAT IN THE DIRTY, OLD CITY ISN'T MY IDEA OF HAPPINESS!

BUT DARLING! I...

I HATE IT! I JUST HATE THIS PLACE! SOB SOB

DON'T CRY, SWEETHEART! I DIDN'T REALIZE...! I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'LL DO! I'LL TRY AND GET SOME EXTRA WORK AT NIGHT AND OVER THE WEEKENDS!

BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO? YOU WORK SO HARD AT YOUR JOB DURING THE DAY!

I DON'T KNOW! THERE'S NOT MUCH EXTRA LEGAL WORK TO BE HAD... BUT DON'T YOU WORRY! I'LL FIND SOMETHING! AND IN A YEAR WE'LL HAVE ENOUGH MONEY SAVED TO BUY THAT HOUSE YOU WANT!

OH, DARLING! YOU'RE THE SWEETEST HUSBAND A GIRL EVER HAD! YOU'LL BE HAPPIER TOO! I KNOW WHAT'S BEST FOR BOTH OF US!

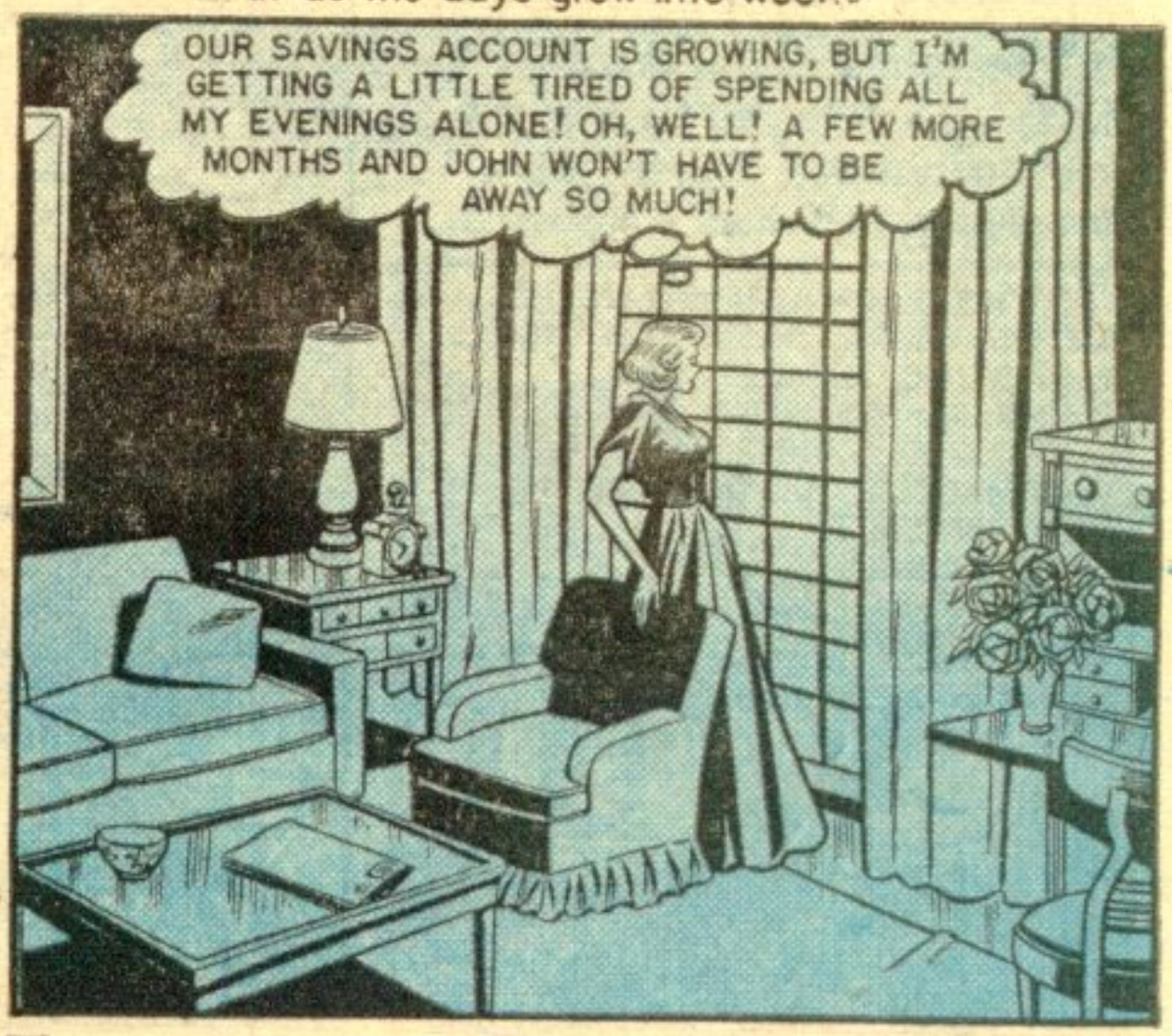
I'D GIVE YOU THE WORLD IF I COULD, MY DEAREST! BUT IF YOU'LL SETTLE FOR A HOUSE, I'LL GET IT FOR YOU... SOMEHOW!

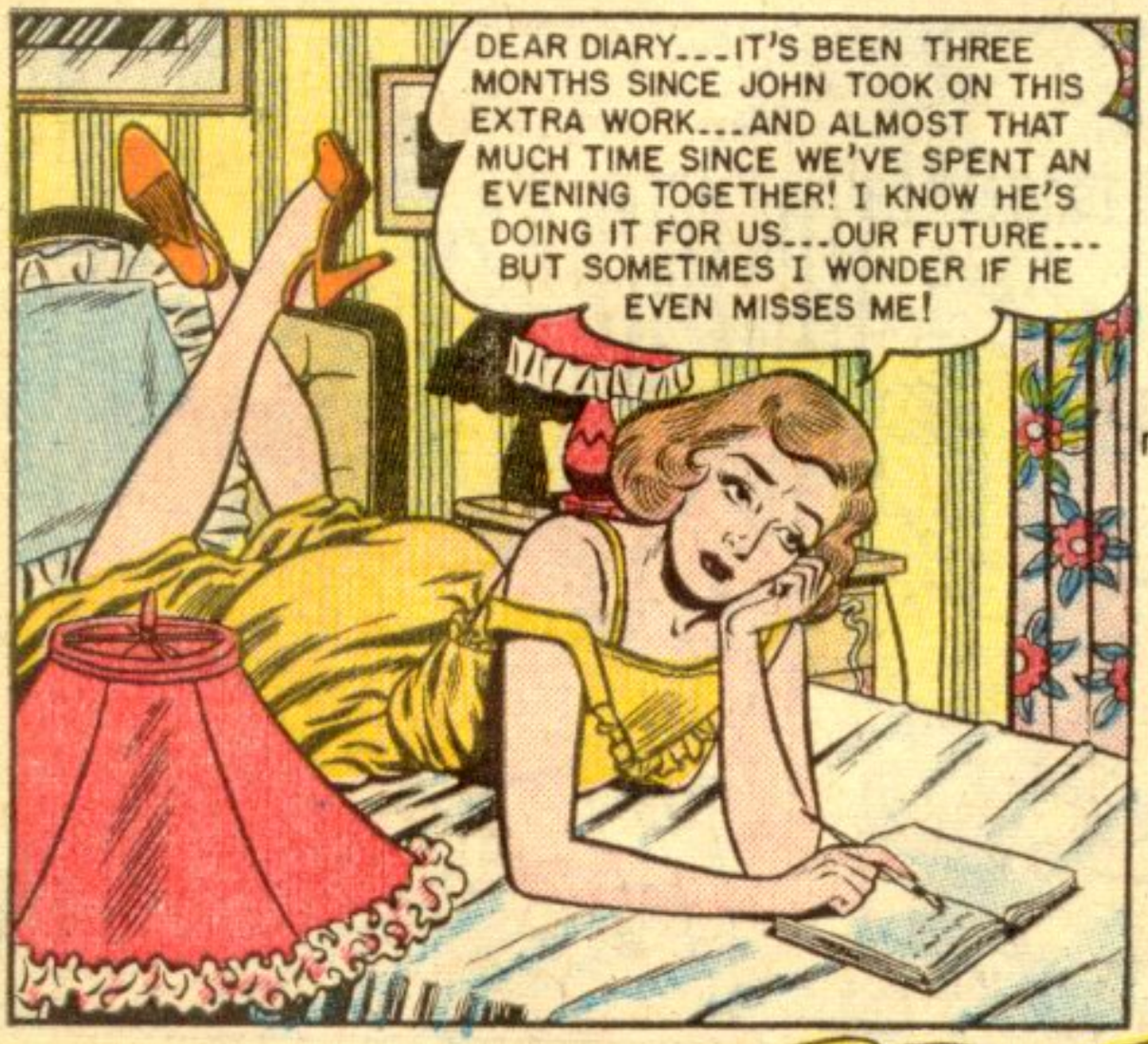
It took some time, but John finally found a way to make some extra money! He didn't talk much about it, and since I didn't understand legal matters I didn't question him! But my dream was on the way!





But as the days grew into weeks





I never went out without John, but the next evening my loneliness and boredom sent me alone to the neighborhood movie! As I came out of the theatre...











Half-wishing that I had gone with Bret, but afraid that it would not be fair to John, I hurried back to the empty apartment! The telephone was ringing, and when I answered...

YES, THIS IS JOHN CRANDALL'S RESIDENCE! HE ISN'T HERE RIGHT NOW... WHO IS THIS, PLEASE? ...MISS JAMISON? WHAT IS IT YOU WA...OH! VERY WELL! IF YOU **MUST** SPEAK TO HIM PERSONALLY, I'LL ASK HIM TO CALL YOU!

WELL, THAT'S CERTAINLY ODD! WHO IN THE WORLD IS MISS JAMISON... CALLING MY HUSBAND WITH PERSONAL MESSAGES? OH... THAT MUST BE JOHN NOW!

HELLO, DARLING! IS ANYTHING WRONG? YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE ... ILL!

NO... NO... JUST VERY TIRED! HOW ARE YOU, SWEETHEART?

OH, I'M FINE I GUESS! JOHN! A MISS JAMISON JUST CALLED! SHE WANTS YOU TO CALL HER! WHO IS SHE?

DARN IT! I TOLD HER... IS THAT **ALL** SHE SAID, PEGGY?

WHY, YES! WHY...

OH, NOTHING! FORGET IT, HONEY! WELL, I GUESS I'LL TURN IN NOW! I'M REALLY BEAT!

JOHN! WHO **IS** SHE?

DON'T NAG ME, PEGGY! I'M MUCH TOO TIRED! YOU DON'T KNOW HER, SHE'S A BUSINESS CONTACT, AND FURTHERMORE ...! OH, LET'S DROP IT! I'VE GOT TO GET SOME REST! GOOD-NIGHT, HONEY!

OH, JOHN! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU? YOU NEVER SPOKE TO ME THAT WAY BEFORE! IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE...? IS MISS JAMISON...? OH, NO! I COULDN'T BEAR **THAT!** SOB

The next night!

HE DIDN'T CALL HER FROM HERE THIS MORNING! WHY NOT? IT'S OBVIOUS THAT HE DIDN'T WANT ME TO HEAR HIS LITTLE CHAT WITH HIS MYSTERIOUS LADY-FRIEND! WELL! TWO CAN PLAY AT THAT GAME, JOHN CRANDALL!

HELLO BRET? I..I HAVE A FREE EVENING.. AND I THOUGHT PERHAPS.. IT WOULD BE NICE TO SEE..YOUR NEW CLUB! MEET YOU THERE?... YES.. ALL RIGHT, BRET...I'LL SEE YOU IN AN HOUR!

Deep within me, I knew I was making a mistake! But anger is blinding, and so, pushing aside my doubts, I dressed and went to Bret's Club 49!

PEGGY, MY DEAR! YOU LOOK RAVISHING!

HELLO, BRET!

WELL, WELL! TELL ME, PEGGY, HOW IS IT POSSIBLE FOR A SMART MAN LIKE JOHN TO TAKE A CHANCE ON LEAVING HIS PRETTY WIFE ALONE SO OFTEN?

I..JOHN'S VERY BUSY, THAT'S ALL!

WELL, I'M NOT, BABY! I'VE PLENTY OF TIME TO GIVE TO A SWEET LITTLE THING LIKE YOU!

PLEASE, BRET... I...

DON'T PLAY COY WITH ME, PEG!

DON'T! I..I'M SORRY, BRET!

HEY! WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GO...

I'M GOING HOME WHERE I BELONG! I MADE A MISTAKE ...AND I'M SORRY, BRET! G-GOOD-BYE!

My love for John was strong! But I couldn't go on without knowing for a certainty that he still loved me! When I arrived at the apartment, I went straight to the phone!

IS THIS MISS JAMISON'S OFFICE? IT IS?... WELL, IS A MR. CRANDALL THERE?

JOHNNY CRANDALL... YOU MEAN TIGER CRANDALL? NAWW! HE'S IN THE RING RIGHT NOW! BUT HE'LL BE IN TO PICK UP HIS DOUGH FROM MA JAMISON RIGHT AFTER THE MATCH! YOU WANN. LEAVE A MESSAGE?

MATCH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

WHY, THE WRESTLING MATCH, GIRLIE! TURN ON YOUR TELEVISION SET! YOU'LL SEE TIGER! HE'S..

AND NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, YOUNG TIGER CRANDALL HAS BIG JOE MARTINO IN A MEAN BODY HOLD! TIGER SEEMS A LITTLE SLOW TONIGHT! HE'S BECOME A BIG FAVORITE IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS! BUT...

TIGER? JOHNNY! OH-H-H! NO!

Blinded with tears, I watched Johnny finish the bout! The ugly questions crowding in on me had to be answered! And every answer pointed to my own selfish demands for more than I had any right to ask! I waited impatiently for John to come home! Then, with a cry of relief...

OH, MY DARLING! I'VE BEEN SUCH A SELFISH, STUPID FOOL! CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?

WHY, HONEY! WHA...

I SAW YOU TONIGHT...ON TELEVISION...AND NOW I KNOW HOW COMPLETELY SELFISH I'VE BEEN! PLEASE GIVE IT UP, JOHNNY! I'LL NEVER COMPLAIN AGAIN!

I'M GLAD YOU KNOW! I WAS WORRIED WHEN MISS JAMISON CALLED! SHE'S MY PROMOTOR'S ASSISTANT! I-I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO KNOW WHAT I WAS DOING BECAUSE I KNEW YOU'D HATE IT!

I'll never, never forget that lesson! Even if we never have more than this one-room apartment, I'll remember that heaven is right here, here in my beloved's arms!

I DON'T HATE WRESTLING ANYMORE, BUT I DO HATE WHAT THE STRAIN IS DOING TO YOU! AND I HATE BEING WITHOUT YOU! I DON'T CARE IF WE NEVER GET THAT HOUSE! I ONLY WANT YOU!

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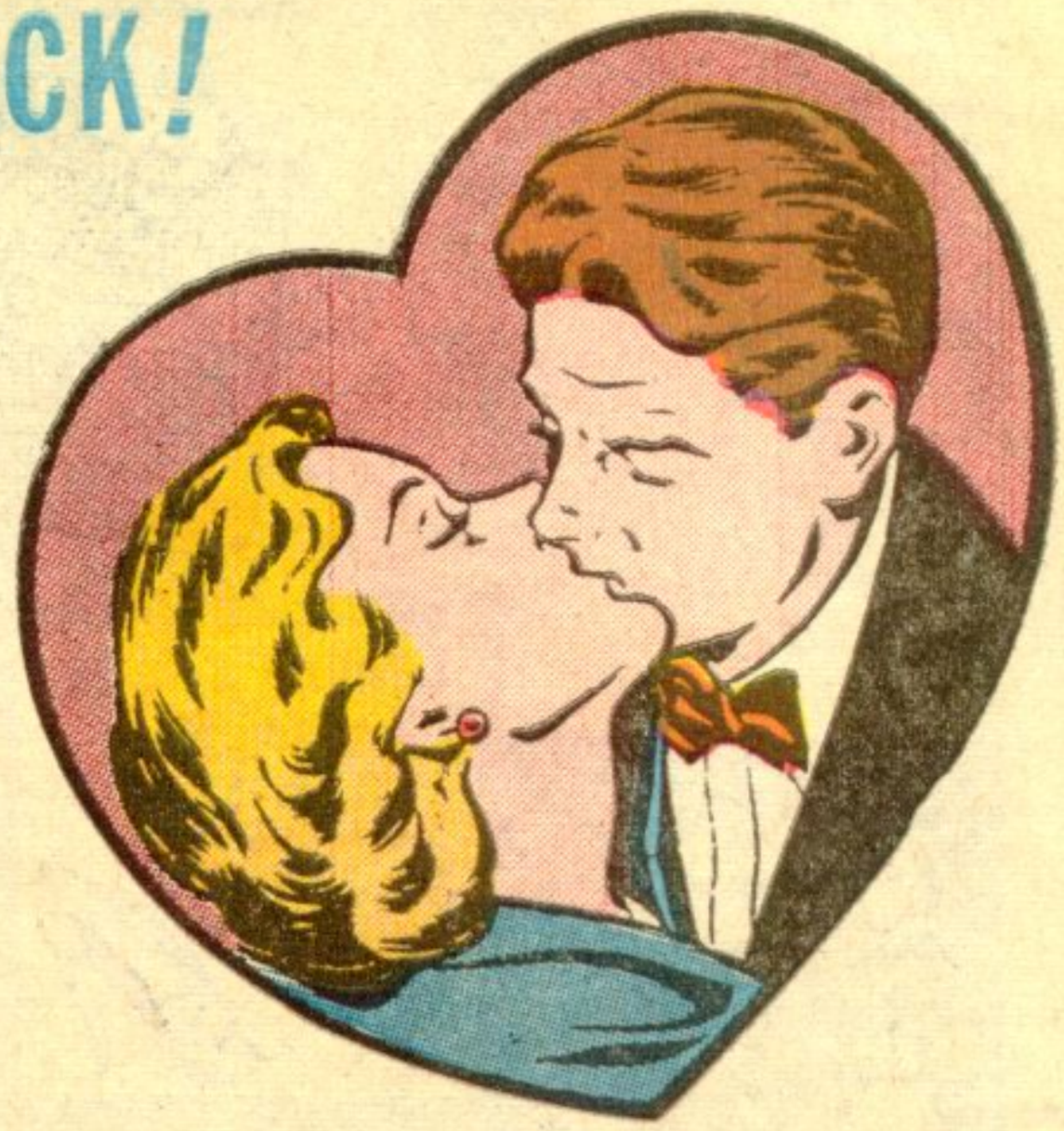
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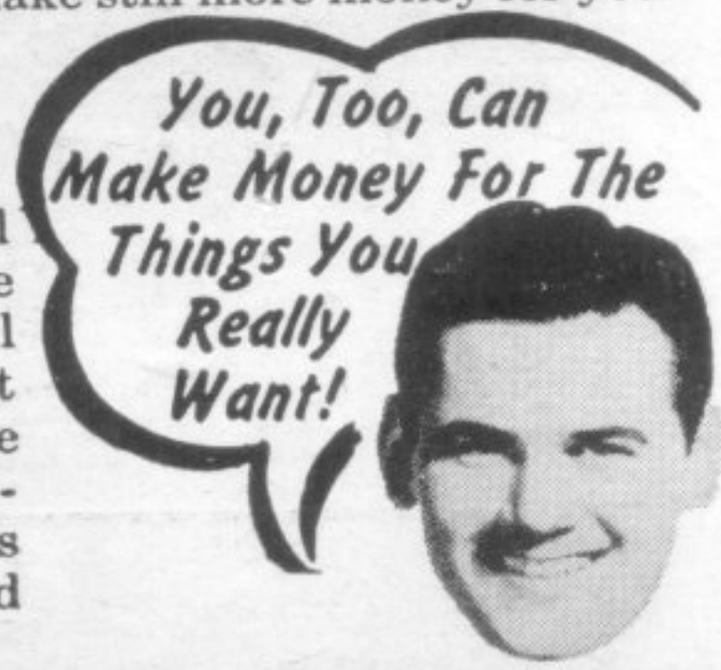
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